

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 14. The currently pending claims after amendment are listed below.

1       1.     (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of automatically pricing tangible  
2     merchandise during a remote point of purchase action at a computer-controlled merchandise  
3     dispensing facility that permits such actions, said method comprising the steps of:

4           (a)   ~~prompting a purchaser with a~~ receiving at least one purchase option selection from a  
5     purchaser for purchasing tangible merchandise at a first merchandise per-unit price during a  
6     transaction at the facility;

7           (b)   ~~prompting the purchaser for~~ receiving an indication of any users associated with the  
8     purchaser;

9           (c)   automatically calculating a second merchandise per-unit price based upon a quantity  
10    of said any users indicated in step (b), said automatically calculating step being performed by a  
11    computer controlling said computer-controlled merchandise dispensing facility; and

12          (d)   responsive to step (c), permitting the purchaser to purchase merchandise at the second  
13    merchandise per-unit price from said computer-controlled merchandise dispensing facility.

1       2.     (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (a) requires the purchaser to enter  
2     information with a data storage device.

1       3.     (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein steps (a) and (b) require the purchaser and each  
2     of said any users to enter information with a data storage device.

1       4.     (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) comprises reducing the second  
2     merchandise price from the first merchandise price when at least one user is associated with the  
3     purchaser.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) comprises inversely relating the second  
2 merchandise price to the quantity of said any users.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of verifying each of the  
2 purchaser and said any users with a personal identification code.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of auditing the facility to  
2 confirm that the second merchandise price is an appropriate price.

1 8. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of automatically pricing fuel  
2 during a remote point of purchase action at a refueling facility, said method comprising the steps  
3 of:

4 (a) ~~prompting a purchaser with purchase options~~ receiving a purchase option selection  
5 from a purchaser, said selection including a first fuel price, during a transaction at the refueling  
6 facility, said purchase option selection being received at a terminal of a computer-controlled fuel  
7 dispensing device of said refueling facility;

8 (b) ~~prompting the purchaser for receiving an indication of~~ any passengers ~~commuting~~  
9 ~~with~~ accompanying the purchaser in a vehicle;

10 (c) automatically calculating a second fuel price based upon a quantity of said any  
11 passengers indicated in step (b), wherein the second fuel price is lower than the first fuel price  
12 when there is at least one passenger ~~commuting with~~ accompanying the purchaser, said  
13 automatically calculating step being performed by a computer controlling said computer-  
14 controlled fuel dispensing device; and

15 (d) responsive to step (c), permitting the purchaser to purchase fuel at the second fuel  
16 price from said computer-controlled fuel dispensing device.

- 1     9.     (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein step (a) requires the purchaser to enter  
2     information with a data storage device.
- 1     10.    (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein steps (a) and (b) require the purchaser and each  
2     of said any passengers to enter information with a data storage device.
- 1     11.    (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein step (c) comprises inversely relating the second  
2     fuel price to the quantity of said any passengers.
- 1     12.    (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of verifying each of the  
2     purchaser and said any passengers with a personal identification code.
- 1     13.    (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of auditing the refueling  
2     facility to confirm that the second fuel price is an appropriate price.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of automatically pricing fuel  
2 during a remote point of purchase action at a refueling facility, said method comprising the steps  
3 of:

4 (a) ~~prompting a purchaser to enter~~ receiving information at a terminal of a computer-  
5 controlled fuel dispensing device at the refueling facility ~~with~~ from a personal data storage device  
6 issued to ~~the~~ a purchaser;

7 (b) ~~allowing receiving a purchase option selection from~~ the purchaser ~~to select purchase~~  
8 ~~options,~~ said selection including a first fuel price, said selection being received at said terminal;

9 (c) ~~prompting the purchaser and~~ receiving information with respect to any passengers  
10 ~~commuting with accompanying~~ the purchaser in a vehicle ~~to enter information~~ at the terminal  
11 ~~with~~ from a respective personal data storage device issued to each of the passengers;

12 (d) automatically calculating a second fuel price based upon a quantity of total passengers  
13 ~~commuting together in the vehicle~~ indicated by step (c), wherein the second fuel price is lower  
14 than the first fuel price when there is at least one passenger ~~commuting with accompanying~~ the  
15 purchaser, said automatically calculating step being performed by a computer controlling said  
16 computer-controlled fuel dispensing device; and

17 (e) responsive to step (d), permitting the purchaser to purchase fuel at the second fuel  
18 price from said computer-controlled fuel dispensing device.

1 15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein step (d) comprises inversely relating the  
2 second fuel price to the quantity of total passengers.

1 16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of verifying each of the  
2 purchaser and said any passengers with a personal identification code.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of auditing the refueling  
2 facility to confirm that the second fuel price is an appropriate price.